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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, EMBL, MEDLINE, SEQUENCE SEARCH

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1 (complete), 2-45 (partially)

A polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No:10 and subject-matter related thereto.

2. Claims: 2-45 (partially)

A polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No:12 and subject-matter related thereto.

3. Claims: 4-45 (partially)

A polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No:2 and subject-matter related thereto.

4. Claims: 4-45 (partially)

A polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No:4 and subject-matter related thereto.

5. Claims: 4-45 (partially)

A polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No:6 and subject-matter related thereto.

6. Claims: 4-45 (partially)

A polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No:8 and subject-matter related thereto.

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Claims Nos.: 16-18

Present claims 16-18 relate to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely being able to increase or decrease the expression level of the polypeptide of claims 1-7.

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides no support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT nor disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, said claims have not been searched.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 20,22-29 and 35-38 are directed to a diagnostic method /
method of treatment practised on the human / animal body, the search has been
carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos. 16-18
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment
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3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report
covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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